

REMARKS

The Abstract has been amended to reduce its length.

The claims have been amended to correct a few typographical errors and to provide further clarification where required, no new matter is added.

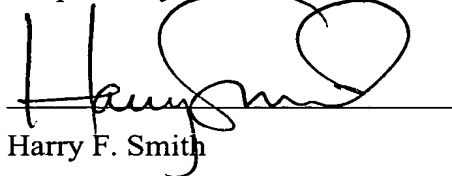
Appended to this response is a Terminal Disclaimer as requested by the Examiner. Claims 1-18 are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Also attached is a Supplemental IDS and a PTO-1449 that make of record several additional U.S. patents that are of record in the parent application (now U.S. Patent 6,384,920 B1, issued 5/7/2002), but not yet of record in this application. The fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(p) is also enclosed. Consideration of these patents by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-25 are newly added, and are also deemed to be allowable. Support for these claims can be generally found in the specification at page 24, line 5, to page 26, line 2, and in Figs. 10A, 10B and 10C. No new matter is added.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of claims 1-25 is earnestly solicited.

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